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Dear Chair DeFazio and Ranking Member Graves:

I am requesting funding for Stark County CR 244 in surface transportation reauthorization legislation.

The project sponsor for this project is the Stark County Engineers and the project is located at Strip Avenue NW between Dressler Road NW and Mega Street NW in North Canton, Ohio 44720.

The funding is designated to improve traffic flow at a key commercial and retail shopping area in Stark County. It would construct a retaining wall as part of a larger effort to add a new southbound lane on Strip Ave (CR 244), between Dressler Road and Mega Street. At the intersection between these two streets, it would convert an existing southbound thru lane into a thru/left lane.

The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer dollars and is anticipated to benefit the safety of drivers and traffic flow. With over 15,000 vehicles per day traveling along Strip Avenue, the area has a history of traffic crashes due to its congested conditions. The project will improve traffic flow, decrease idling from backed-up traffic, and reduce accidents. Additionally, as the area around this project also includes Stark State College and Kent State University-Stark, the project supports access to education by improving the ability for commuter students to travel to and from their educational institutions.

I certify that neither I nor my immediate family has any financial interest in this project.

Sincerely,



Anthony Gonzalez  
Member of Congress  
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